GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1311
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MISUSE OF INTERNET SERVICES
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA;RUDRAGOUDA PATIL

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the internet services are widely being used by ISI and its agents to pass on the valuable National Security related information to the neighbouring countries;

(b) if so , the details thereof;

(c) the number of such cases detected and the persons arrested so far in this regard; and

(d) the measures taken/proposed to be taken in this connection?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) & (b): There are reports to indicate that Internet/e-Mail Services are being used by the ISI and its agents, as well as militant groups for purposes of communications.

(c) & (d): As `public order` and `Police` are State subjects, it is for the concerned State Governments to take necessary steps in this regard. Details of such cases are not maintained by the Central Government.However, Licence Conditions for Internet Services Providers (ISPs) do provide for taking legal action for dealing with espionage and other unlawful activities.